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**MEMORANDUM:**

TO: Area/County MHDDSAS Directors

FROM: Mike Moseley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MM", written over the name "Mike Moseley".

RE: Tracking Services Provided to Individuals Evacuated from the Gulf Coast as a Result of Hurricane Katrina

As you may be aware, a number of individuals evacuated from the Gulf Coast area as a result of Hurricane Katrina have been relocated to North Carolina. Although the Division has no additional resources to allocate to provide assistance to these individuals, we are herein providing reporting instructions in the event that State, local governmental units or private providers become eligible to receive any type of Federal funding or reimbursement. Nothing in this communication is intended to limit actions which LMEs may choose to implement in meeting the needs of these individuals through local funds, faith-based organizations or other local resources.

The purpose of such tracking is twofold. First, in the event Federal reimbursement should become available, the State and each LME will have a record of services provided to individuals. Secondly, the information should assist LMEs and the State in determining the extent to which mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services were provided in North Carolina to individuals impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The tracking and reporting instructions set forth below address two areas:

1. IPRS payable services provided to individuals who are eligible for such services will be tracked by a target population group (KTRNA) and IPRS payment may be made, within Division funds allocated to the LMEs. **IMPORTANT:** As noted above, the Division has no additional resources to allocate to support services to individuals within the noted target population group and LMEs are advised to plan accordingly.
2. Services provided to individuals for which (a) the individual is not otherwise eligible, or (b) the service itself is not payable under IPRS, will still be tracked as noted below.



In order to track services provided to evacuees in North Carolina, the Division has created a new tracking only Target Population Group – KTRNA - in IPRS. LMEs will need to enter the evacuee into CNDS and enroll the person into target population KTRNA, whether they qualify for any other target population group or not. If the individual qualifies for one of the existing IPRS target populations, enroll the individual in that target population and the KTRNA target population. We are asking LMEs to submit all claims for services provided to individuals in the KTRNA target population group, whether services are paid by county, state or federal funds. Record documentation requirements for services provided to individuals evacuated as a result of Hurricane Katrina, as described herein, are the same as currently required for services provided to other individuals served by or through LMEs.

We will work with DMA to track services evacuees receive from direct enrolled providers submitting claims directly to Medicaid.

Should you have any questions concerning technical IPRS items related to this communication, please contact Ms. Thelma Hayter at 919-733-4460 or via e-mail at [Thelma.Hayter@ncmail.net](mailto:Thelma.Hayter@ncmail.net). Any questions regarding record document issues should be addressed to Mr. Jim Jarrard at 919-881-2246 or via e-mail at [Jim.Jarrard@ncmail.net](mailto:Jim.Jarrard@ncmail.net)

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